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Baudouin has accepted government's resignation and has received presidents of two chambers and of three national parties as customary in commencing negotiations for new government. Virtually certain new government will be all PSC; therefore main negotiations are going on within that party.

Purpose of PSC in forming new government is to preserve PSC unity by obtaining support of disgruntled Flemish elements. One group prefers Duvieusart as Prime Minister to accomplish this task and for sake of continuity. At same time there are parallel negotiations in which Seger's name frequently mentioned. He is strong Fleming who is also close to Catholic labor. Others considered are Struye, Van Zeeland and Pholien, a Walloon Conservative senator.

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